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**Year Book of the U. S. Agricultural Department for 1895.**<sup>2</sup>—It has been the aim of the Department of Agriculture to make this report for 1895 a concise reference book of useful information for all who are interested in agricultural pursuits. It consists of (1) a general report of the operations of the Department, (2) a series of popular well-illustrated essays discussing the results of investigations in agricultural science, or new developments in farm practice, (3) an appendix containing information compiled from miscellaneous government publications. The volume is especially adapted to the farmers of the country.

**Mach's Popular Lectures.**<sup>3</sup>—A series of twelve popular scientific lectures delivered by Herr Mach during the years 1864-94, are here published in collected form for the first time. The volume at hand is an English translation by T. J. McCormick, whose version is endorsed by Herr Mach. The subjects are chosen from the field of Physics. In all, twelve lectures are given, four of which are of a philosophical character, and deal with the methods and nature of scientific inquiry.

**Martin's Human Body.**<sup>4</sup>—We have here the seventh edition of the well-known text-book, originally issued in 1880. The present edition has been brought up to date by revision and correction of the old text, and by the addition of new matter, especially in connection with the cardiac and vascular nerves, and the physiology of the brain. In its present form it stands close to the ideal text-book. The facts are stated simply and concisely, repetition avoided, and, in general, its aim seems to be to present what is known as such, but at the same time to suggest opportunities for further discoveries in physiological science.

The illustrations are numerous and well-chosen. About thirty, chiefly diagrammatic, were drawn especially for the work.

**Geology of Pennsylvania.**<sup>5</sup>—This work constitutes Vol. III, Pt. 1 of the Summary Description of the Geology of the State. It contains Prof. Lesley's chapters on the subconglomerate measures, Mr.

<sup>2</sup> Year Book of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 1895. Washington, 1896.

<sup>3</sup> Popular Scientific Lectures. By Earnst Mash. Translated by T. J. McCormick. Chicago: Open Court Pub. Co., 1896.

<sup>4</sup> The Human Body. By H. Newell Martin. Seventh edition, revised. New York, 1896: Henry Holt & Co., Pub.

<sup>5</sup> Summary Final Report Pennsylvania Geological Survey, Vol. III, Pt. I, 1895. Carboniferous.